

**REQUEST FORM  
FOR APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

DOCKET NUMBER: 4640-009A  
Prior Application: 10/096,114  
Art Unit: 2839  
Examiner: DINH, PHUONG K.

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(b) of pending prior U.S. Patent Application No.10/096,114, filed on March 13, 2002, entitled COUPLING MECHANISM FOR ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS, by the following named inventor (s) **Edwin COLLIN ; William D. PORZIO ; Allen J. BERNARDINI ; Paul KOZUBAL**.

1. ☒ I hereby state that the enclosed copy of this prior application is a true copy of the above-identified prior application.
2. Oath or Declaration
  - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
    - i. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
3. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 2b is checked)  
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 2b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
4. ☒ Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
5. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO1449 Form are submitted herewith.
6. ☒ Cancel claims 1-6.

7a. The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 4 and 6 above:

	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	7	MINUS 20	0	x \$18 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	MINUS 3	0	x \$86 =	\$ 0.00
Basic Application Fee					\$770.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$290.00					0.00
Total Application Fee					\$770.00
Subtract 1/2 if small entity					
<b>TOTAL APPLICATION FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$770.00</b>
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7b. ☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

8. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any extension of time fees to maintain the pendency of the parent application Serial No. 10/096,114 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1337.

9. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting after the heading on a first page following paragraph:

This application is a Divisional Under Rule 53(b) of Application Serial No. 10/096,114, filed on March 13, 2002, which in turn is a Continuation of U.S. Provisional Application 60/275,468 filed March 14, 2001, entitled "Push-Pull Quick Connect Connector System", and priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 and 120.

10. ☒ Claim of Priority

11. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to **ITT Manufacturing Enterprises, Inc.**

12. ☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

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13. ☒ Also enclosed:

9 pages of formal drawings.

14. ☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until

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